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For : ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING WITH
HARMONIC CONTRAST AGENTS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in this reissue application which was mailed on February 3, 2009. The Notice was directed to the claim amendments, essentially saying that the claim amendments were not in compliance with 37 CFR §1.121(c). However 37 CFR §1.121(i) states that claim amendments in reissue applications such as this one must comply with 37 CFR §1.173, which essentially requires only the claims being amended to be listed in the response and words not found in the original patent claims to be underlined. In this case, the claims being amended by the January 9, 2006 amendment are all new to the patent and hence are entirely underlined. It is therefore

respectfully submitted that the January 9, 2006 amendment is in compliance with 37 CFR §1.173.

The Notice had no phone numbers for the Examiner or his supervisor, but applicants' attorney did find Mr. Brian Casler's phone number in another application file. In a conversation with Mr. Casler, Mr. Casler recommended that this response be made, pointing out that the January 9, 2006 amendment was in compliance with the rule for reissue amendments, so that this response would be of record.

If the Examiner feels that a different response is appropriate, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned at the number given below so that the proper response to the Notice can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

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